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Winners of the Sneak up Special held at the Youth Services Social Gathering at the House of Wellness on March 24. (L-R) Jacob Stonechild, Terrance Cleveland, Zamantha Funmaker.

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National Native HIV/Aids Awareness. "Talk about it at home, talk about drug abuse, talk about alcohol abuse, talk about HIV it should be talked about like you how you talk about diabetes. It should be talked about in the home."

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# Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature takes two steps forward to Beloit Casino

Marlon WhiteEagle  
Staff Writer

On March 20, 2012, the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature held a regular meeting at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls. Two items added to the agenda involved the much talked about Beloit Casino. The first line of business was a motion to enter into the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Beloit and Rock County. The second was a motion to put the Beloit property into trust status. These two motions were two steps forward to a future casino located in Beloit, WI.

Larry Arft, Beloit City Manager, was present to talk about how the city and county are excited and supportive of a Beloit Casino. Arft said, "It's been two years since the Ho-Chunk Nation purchased the Beloit property. The Beloit City Council voted six to one in favor of the Intergovernmental Agreement. The Rock County Board voted twenty-four to two in favor of the IGA. Two of those votes were held by one person. There are a number of advantages for the Ho-Chunk Nation property to be approved for trust status; strong

ties to the community, land ownership, and commutability requirement. Please consider this matter today." Arft also said surrounding communities, in Wisconsin and in Illinois, would be drafting resolutions to show their support for the Beloit Casino project.

District I Representative, Susan Weber, made the motion for the Ho-Chunk Nation to enter into the Intergovernmental Agreement

with the City of Beloit and Rock County. Weber sees many community needs met by moving forward with this project. "I've been speaking with children in my district who've been asking for a new youth center. I also know there are elders seeking an assisted living facility. Moving this project forward gives us hope we can make some accomplishments for our people."

District V Representative,

Robert TwoBears, seconded the motion. Then the motion was up for discussion. Four Representatives were present via telephone; John Holst and Andrea Estebo from District II, and Greg Littlejohn and Patrick Red Eagle from District V.

District III Representative, Hope Smith, opened the discussion. Smith said, "The Ho-Chunk Nation has been having informational meetings about the proposed

Beloit Casino. I represent Green Bay, Stevens Point, Wisconsin Rapids, and down to the Indian Heights. The areas asked me to vote against the Beloit Casino. They would rather invest and improve our existing casinos." District II Representative, James Greendeer, also stated the areas he represented wanted him to oppose Beloit.

District V Representative, Greg Littlejohn, added to the discussion. Littlejohn said, "I have a dilemma. My areas are split, which is in favor of more information." Two other District V Representatives, Patrick Red Eagle and Forrest Whiterabbit, stated their areas questioned the taxation on tobacco, gasoline, and what possible effects the Beloit Casino project would have on "per cap". The IGA states federal, state, and Ho-Chunk Nation tax codes would be adhered to. He pointed out the cost of construction could be in the neighborhood of \$300 million, not including financing costs.

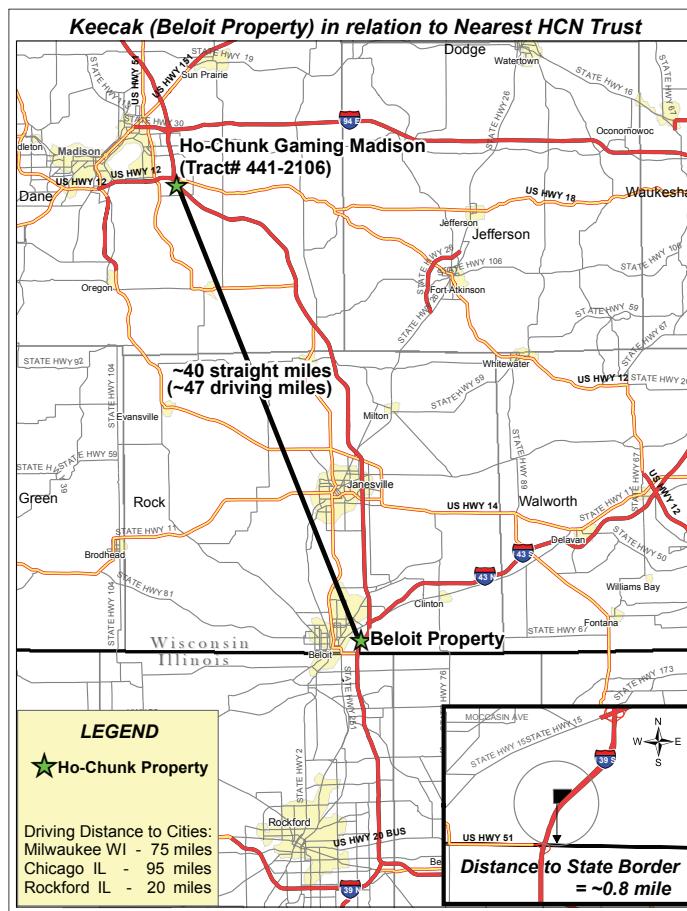
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Proposed Beloit Casino property is less than a mile from the Wisconsin-Illinois border.

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# Beloit Casino

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dent, Jon Greendeer, called for a roll call vote, with a vote of 6-5-1. Weber, TwoBears, Blackdeer, Holst, Greengrass, and Visintin voted in favor of the motion. Smith, Estebo, Littlejohn, Red Eagle, and Whiterabbit voted against the motion. District II Representative Greendeer abstained. The motion passed.

Since 1992, the Ho-Chunk Nation's gaming compact with the State of Wisconsin included a fourth Ho-Chunk Nation gaming site. The Ho-Chunk Nation has not exercised that means of revenue, yet makes payments for the fourth site inclusion. Public Relations Officer, Collin Price says this is the fourth site as expressed in the terms of our Compact with the State of Wisconsin. Regardless of any reason one would oppose the development, their hesitancy can't be discounted. "It's our

responsibility to provide clarity and direction on the future developments of this project. There are some uncertainties throughout the process but I'm certain the shared vision will focus our endeavors to completion."

In 1999, the St. Croix Chippewa and the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa had purchased land in the City of Beloit with hopes of establishing an off reservation gaming site. In January 2007, the Ho-Chunk Nation formally opposed the two tribes' casino efforts. Then in January 2009, the fee to trust application for the two tribes was denied by BIA in Washington D.C.

In October 2009, the Ho-Chunk Nation purchased 32 acres of land in Beloit. In a Ho-Chunk Nation press release, then Vice President Dan Brown said, "The Ho-Chunk



**Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature votes 6-5-1 to enter into the IGA with the City of Beloit and Rock County.**

Nation has ... made significant investment in Beloit."

In November 2009, the Ho-Chunk Nation held an initial meeting with the City of Beloit to talk about a possible

Beloit Casino. Ho-Chunk Nation President, Jon Greendeer, gave a presentation to the City of Beloit in January of 2012 to outline the Beloit Casino plans and introduce the Inter-

governmental Agreement. If you want to read the Intergovernmental Agreement, go to the Ho-Chunk Nation website at [www.ho-chunknation.com](http://www.ho-chunknation.com).

## Letting me know what you care about

Our Nation continues to struggle with some important issues, including the economic downturn, levels of unemployment, and the expansion of government and business.

Hearing from you on these and other important issues allows me to better represent you and our communities. Please take a few moments to participate in my survey so that I will know what issues you care about most. I truly appreciate your involvement.

### What issues are most important to you and your family?

Culture and Language     Education

Enrollment     Health

Housing     Infrastructure – utilities, roads

Land     Per cap

Public Safety     Revenue

Transportation     Unemployment and Jobs

Other

Please respond via email: [Robert.TwoBears@Ho-Chunk.com](mailto:Robert.TwoBears@Ho-Chunk.com) cell: 715.299.0659  
Facebook: Robert V TwoBears or Twitter: Robert V TwoBears

Thanks so much  
Ci nak hira kara

Twitter account will broadcast legislative votes LIVE

## Congratulations

Congratulations from the Hocak Worak Staff to all the Ho-Chunk youth boys and girls that made their way to the State Wrestling Tournament in Madison Wisconsin at the Alliant Energy Center held on March 23-25.



"Families of all of these young Ho-Chunks who Wrestled their way to the State Tournament take a bow. Love, Support, and hard work helped them get there!"  
~ SLE

**Correction:** In the 2012 Little Hoopster article, 4th Place winners are the Red Devils and Coach Kerry Funmaker, not Coach Greg Bird.

**MisPELLING:** In Issue 5, Little Hoopsters MVP Damek Walker, now spelled correctly. Good job Damek!



Let the Hocak Worak help celebrate your achievements. Send us your pictures!! Whether you are a head start, high school, or college graduate, send in a picture with your name, where you are graduating from, and a brief description of your future endeavors.

With so much uncertainty in the world, a heartfelt congratulation is due to all those that have made the countless sacrifices necessary to graduate. And for those that feel their efforts are unproductive, DON'T GIVE UP, YOU CAN DO IT!

A special section of the Hocak Worak will be used to show your achievements!

*Please email or mail to the Hocak Worak by June 22nd, for the June 29th edition of the Hocak Worak.*



# Deadly designer drugs

Submitted by  
Gary Ilminen, RN

So-called "designer drugs" going by names like K2, Spice, Blueberry Spice, Aroma, Mr. Smiley, Zohai, Eclipse, Black Mama, Red X Dawn, Blaze, Dream, "herbal supplements," "herbal bath salts" and other names are causing serious health problems.

Recently, an increasing number of young people, primarily age 16 to the early 20s, have been seen in emergency rooms or

hospitalized with a wide range of serious symptoms after using these substances. Some health effects are short-term, but others may be long-lasting. Mental problems such as confusion, agitation, aggression, psychosis, catatonic states (muscle rigidity, inability to respond or move, etc.), hallucinations and other problems and physical effects including high body temperature, vomiting, back pain, rapid heartbeat, and even multiple cases of kidney failure have been reported.

The product is sprayed with toxic chemicals that are supposed to mimic the effects of THC, the active ingredient in marijuana. Since there are no controls or standards on how these products are produced, the actual content is usually unknown. The most common chemicals that have been identified have been classified as Schedule 1 controlled substances by the federal Drug Enforcement Agency. That means they have no legitimate medical use, can be very addictive and very dangerous. Examples of other Schedule 1 substances

include heroin and LSD.

Since the chemical compounds used vary, they may be difficult to detect with blood tests done in the hospital or emergency room. That makes it difficult for doctors to diagnose the cause of symptoms and find the right treatment. Worse, no antidote exists for the synthetic cannabinoid (marijuana) "designer drugs," so treatment options for severe cases are limited.

Despite the dangers associated with these drugs, they continue to be available at some retail stores, gas stations and convenience

stores.

Parents, teachers, health care practitioners, friends and family members can all play a role in preventing the harm that these and other illicit drugs can cause by educating the youth of the Ho-Chunk Nation about the dangers involved. If someone is showing symptoms of this type of substance use, help them get medical attention as soon as possible.

## Ho-Chunk Health Care Center in Black River Falls

### Diabetes Learning Circle

April / May 2012

Date	Topic
April 5	Carbohydrate Counting
April 19	Keeping an "Eye" on Vision Health
May 3	Diabetes Discussion/Support Group
	The Diabetes Learning Circle is a morning presentation and breakfast designed to provide people with information regarding diabetes prevention and management. Anyone is welcome to attend but we ask that you register for a seat.
	The program is from 8:30- 9:15 each scheduled day in the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center Conference Classroom. A nutritious breakfast is served during the program. (Topics are subject to change).
	For more information or to register contact: Kathy Braaten, Community Health Nutritionist, 715-284-9851 ext. 5335

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**All locations meet 11:30AM-1PM.**

**House of Wellness:** 4th Thursday of the month, in the Alberta Day Room

**Black River Falls:** 2nd Tuesday of the month, in the Community Health Classroom

**LaCrosse:** 3rd Wednesday of the month, at Three Rivers House

Contact Shawn Nadeau, CHN, LaCrosse  
for more info at 608-797-0426.

**Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be April 6th which will be published on April 13th. Please contact Enrollment at ext. 1015 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.**

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# Youth Services Social Gathering

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On Saturday, March 24, Ho-Chunk Nation Youth Services hosted a Social Gathering at the House of Wellness in Baraboo, Wisconsin. There was thirty plus dancers and youth from all areas, except Wittenburg. The gathering began with a Grand Entry followed by a full afternoon of dance specials, meals, and break-out sessions. Robert Bird Sr. served as emcee, while Evan Logan served as the arena director.

BP Smokehouse catered the Social Gathering with a noon light snack prior to the 1 o'clock Grand Entry. The Sanford WhiteEagle American

Legion Post 556 brought in the colors. Bearheart, Cloud Boys, Ho-Chunk Station, and Bear Clan were the drum groups providing the afternoon's music.

The first special of the day was for 55+/Veteran dancers. Charles Hindsley won first place, followed by Patricia (Hindsley) Eagleton. Secondly, was a Gourd/Contest dance; which was won by Bryson Funmaker. The winner was determined by crowd applause. Although, Patricia Eagleton received a good and loud applause and earned second place, Bryson had the crowd a roaring. Heleyna Brinegar and Eagleton did receive a

second and third place prize. The tiny tots and junior dance categories performed exhibition dances. The gathering organizers had a special dance for Raeshawn Miner, a high school student from the Twin Cities, who will be going to China as an exchange student. Miner maintains a 3.8 grade point average. She received \$176.00 from well-wishers in attendance. Emcee Bird said, "this is a once in lifetime opportunity for her."

The winners of the Sneak up special were: 1st place, Jacob Stonechild; 2nd place, Terrance Cleveland; 3rd place, Zamantha Funmaker. The Hand Drum contest winners were: 1st place, Carlyle Greendeer; 2nd place, Corey Hindsley & Company; 3rd place, Olde Skool.

Greendeer dedicated his song to his family and sang from the heart, edging out his competitors. The Cleveland boys (Terrance, David, Buster, and Delano) won the Team Dance special, followed by Justine Rasha/Myshell Mike team and Heleyna Brinegar/Maria Webster team. The Cleveland boys are all fancy dancers and members of Ho-Chunk Station. Justine Rasha and Ethan Powless won the Two Step special, with Zoe Fess and Bryson Funmaker, and Terrance Cleveland and



**Robert Bird Sr. serves as emcee and Evan Logan serves as Arena Director.**

Heleyna Brinegar winning second and third places. All the youth who got out and danced the two step had an enjoyable and culturally enriching afternoon.

There were three options for the afternoon's breakout session on Parenting Education. Basic Parenting with a focus on Love & Logic was presented by Gale White. Parenting for Schools 101 was presented by Adrienne Thunder. JOM & Title VII Programs was presented by Michelle Cloud and Chavo Stumblingbear. The educational breakout sessions were sponsored with a grant from Family Services Program. BP Smokehouse also catered a supper meal

after sessions were completed and during the hand drum contest.

Several Ho-Chunk Nation programs had booths to give information and answer questions in the hallway. The programs present were: Higher Education, Youth Enrichment, Headstart, Cultural/Community, JOM, Diabetes Prevention, Life Skills/Independent Living, Domestic Violence, and Family Services. Attendees who registered and visited each booth were eligible to win a door prize.

Fun and food was had by all in attendance, and some left with a prize to remember the Social Gathering.



**Michelle Cloud of the Education Department hands out Parenting Education packets for breakout session.**



**Top Row:** Tiny tots dancers; Carlyle Greendeer, Corey Hindsley & Co., Olde Skool top three Hand Drum contestants. **Middle Row:** Patricia Eagleton, Bryson Funmaker, and Heleyna Brinegar in Gourd/Contest special; Charles Hindsley and Patricia Eagleton in 55+/Veteran special; Xavier Hindsley unhappy with a slow Tiny tot song. **Bottom Row:** Intertribal dancing at the Social Gathering, Two Step special , Tiny tots



# 36<sup>th</sup> La Crosse 3Rivers Traditional Pow-Wow

**Emcee**

Chris Hayna Grezlik

**Arena Director**

TBD

**Head Dancers**

Jonathan Whitebear

Angie Hindsley

**Host Drum**

Bear Heart

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# Vandals terrorize Pow-Wow Grounds

**Sanford LittleEagle**  
Staff Writer

On Sunday March 11, 2012, a maintenance employee took notice that there were signs of graffiti along the walls of the bleachers and on several of the buildings located behind the speaker stand as he traveled by the Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Pow-Wow Grounds in Black River Falls, WI.

The employee quickly made a detour and stopped to investigate. He was astounded at what he saw and took pictures of the damage. There were several areas of spray painted graffiti (known as art to most vandals that do it but most times it looks like it was done by a 5 year old).

The most noticeable damage was on the Cook Shack and the Andrew Blackhawk Legion Post #129 building. There was also graffiti damage to the white painted areas of the seating area by the Grand Entry way, and some graffiti damage to a few of the family cook shacks. He was appalled by the references of racial bigotry and vulgarity that was displayed. The maintenance employee was one of our non-indian employees and has dedicated full work weeks into making our Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Pow-

Wow Grounds one of the best well known destinations for a Pow-Wow in the Midwest.

Vandalism has been around for ages, from obscene and violent language placed on bathroom walls, trains, street signs, to personal property; it is a crime. Most vandals are young people who vandalize out of boredom, anger, revenge, or because of the friends they associate with.

On March 11, there was a sense of pride that was lost by one night of irresponsibility. Some may ask, "What was going through your head? Do you know why those pow-wow grounds are named after Andrew Blackhawk? Do you know the historical significance that land had there for our tribe?"

Youth, you are our future. We all make mistakes in our adolescent years, and once those mistakes are faced and dealt with, you can choose to learn from it and move on and make a negative into a positive in your future. Please have respect for all of our Ho-Chunk Nation properties. Help at home with your room, your family's living area, and your own backyard. Take it a step further into your community. If you have so much pride in representing your village, start by cleaning it. I am pretty sure that your

Choka and Gaga would be disappointed if they knew you had a hand in it.

People outside of our tribe and neighboring communities are always looking at what the Ho-Chunks are doing, and writing complete nonsense on our property gives more reason (ammunition), to look at us different. While a few senseless acts do not represent our tribe as a whole, please do not add to it. You are Ho-Chunks and that outside influence of "South Side" and other lame gang, click references, are childish, immature, and ridiculous. As a Ho-Chunk you belong to a family of 7,000 members strong. Have pride in that.

Take time to learn where our people and where your family is from, and who you are related to. That opens the door to learning our Ho-Chunk language, our ceremonies, and preserving our Ho-Chunk culture. Look for ways to use the talent and creativity you have in a positive way. Live Ho-Chunk Pride and take pride in your surroundings.

Let's keep our Ho-Chunk properties neat and clean; be proud of who we are and where we come from. Many of our properties have been passed down from past generations and we should



Graffiti on the door to the "Cook Shack". Meals are served here, dancer registration from time to time. Veterans and the Women's Auxiliary use the building during Pow-Wow time.

all be alert to what happens within our communities. We host many visitors from all

over the United States and Canada that respect the Ho-Chunk Nation.



Hundreds of manual hours from several people helped make the powwow grounds what it is today. One night of vandalism erased all the hard work and dedication from those that helped.

## Ahuco Head Start celebrate Dr.Seuss' birthday

Submitted by Tori Moake - Ahuco Head Start Teacher

The Ahuco HeadStart in Tomah, WI held a Literacy Event on March 22, 2012 in the Headstart building . An estimated 57 were in attendance, of all ages, to share a meal and good time together. The Librarian, Ms. Irma Keller, was the reader and entertained all by dramatically reading a variety of Children's books. This annual event is held the same month as Dr Seuss' birthday. He is known as the author of numerous children's books of which several have been the theme of television stories and one story is also currently playing in the movie theater.



# Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls donates food for Friends Sharing Food

Submitted by Tris Harris, Sr. Manager of Public Relations, Ho-Chunk Gaming

During Ho-Chunk Gaming BRF's "Fight Against Hunger" food drive, which ran from January 1, 2012–February 25th 2012, our guests donated over 1000 non-perishable food items for "Friends Sharing Food." HCG BRF's Executive

Manager, Greg Garvin said "We wanted to use this as a way to raise awareness for this local non-profit group and to help our community members who are in need of food for their families." He also wanted to thank all our guests who donated to Friends Sharing Food on behalf of our HCG BRF Family!

This picture was taken March 13th at HCG BRF with a portion of the items collected. Pictured from left to right are: Lynda Heinz, HCG BRF Marketing, Linda McCullough, Carol Anderson, Kay Dettinger and David Dettinger all from Friends Sharing Food and Karen Baker, HCG BRF Marketing.



## Notes of interest from the Department of Housing

Submitted by Malachi Emery, Residential Service Counselor

### BEWARE OF REAL ESTATE SCAMS

In times of economic uncertainty, people sometimes fall victim to financial predators. Recently, a tribal member brought in a letter to the Department of Housing that they received from a company called Record Retrieval. This letter looked very official, and recommended that all United States homeowners should obtain a copy of their property deed, so they had proof of ownership. And this company could get them a copy for only \$87. Beware of any letter offering to get you a copy of your deed for a fee. These are scams. It is not necessary for you to have in your possession a copy of your deed. But because deeds are recorded at the county courthouse they are a matter

of public record, and can be obtained from the county. And if you read closely, the letters do say that. What they don't tell you is the copy can be obtained from the county for a very minimal processing fee, usually under \$10. The letters that people are receiving look official, and use a lot of official sounding dialogue to make you worried that you don't have a copy of your deed. But the truth is you don't need a copy. Even if you are buying or selling a home, the bank or realtor you're working with will get a copy of your deed from the county. So keep that in mind if you get one of these letters. No matter how official it looks or sounds, you will never need to pay an outside company for a copy of your deed.

### HOME MAINTENANCE

In early spring is a great time to do some helpful things around the house to prepare for what spring and summer

weather has in store. One of the most important, yet most overlooked preventative maintenance things that should be done is cleaning of your home's gutters and downspouts. Cleaning your gutters is important because without a functioning gutter system, the water that runs off the roof can lead to many home maintenance issues. Some of these things are: damage to landscaping as the water flows over the gutter on to the ground below, water that sits in the gutter is a breeding ground for mosquitoes, the weight of built up debris and water can cause the gutters to pull away from the house and damage it. This is a relatively simple procedure that requires nothing more than a ladder and a pair of gloves! If you feel the need, there are kits available online and at stores for under \$20 that can make the project go even faster.

Be sure to use caution when using the ladder; don't lean too far to one side or the other, increasing your risk of falling. Always take the time to reposition the ladder so you don't put yourself at risk. Another very important preventative maintenance item that gets overlooked is changing of the furnace filter. Changing the filter on your furnace monthly is one of the simplest, most effective things you can do to extend the life of your appliance. This simple thing will also help reduce your heating and cooling bill, because the furnace won't have to work as hard, pulling air through a dirty, clogged filter. Even in the warmer months, your furnace filter still matters. This is because central air cooling systems also run through the same ducts, and use the same motors to get the job done. So don't make your system work harder than it has to. Change

your filters regularly.

### HOP UPDATES

Now is a good time to update your HOP application. Why is it important to update? Program application updates are important for several reasons. Because the program is points based, yearly updates help to ensure that your file has all your information correct and you are getting credit for all the points you deserve. Another reason is so that we in the program have your current contact information. If we don't have your current mailing address, we might not be able to reach you if you become approved. So remember, for your own benefit, update yearly. Update applications can be found on the Ho-Chunk Nation website under Housing, or you can stop by the Housing Office in Tomah, or call (608) 374-1225.



## CHILDRENS TRUST FUND (CTF) TASK FORCE UPDATE

On August 23, 2011 Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature approved the **Trust and Investment Committee and Organization Act**. The Ho-Chunk Trust and Investment Committee was established as a committee responsible for the oversight of the Nations investments, including investments on behalf of minors and legally incompetent members, employer retirement plan funds (401 k), and any other investments made by the Nation with a time horizon of at least one year for the Nations long and short term portfolios. The Committee will report directly to Legislature.

The Nation has been seeking eligible members since the act was approved. To be eligible for appointment or election Committee members must be enrolled members of the Ho-Chunk Nation and at all times five members shall have one or more of the following qualifications:

- Certified Public Accountant or Charter Financial Analyst
- An associates or, preferably, a bachelors degree in accounting, business or finance
- Financial professional certification
- At least five years proven experience managing investments as a fiduciary on another's behalf

The Committee shall consist of seven voting members. Each of the

voting members must be an enrolled member of the Nation who is eligible to vote in the Nations elections. The seven voting Committee members have been initially appointed by the Legislature pending background checks. Every two years the Nation shall hold elections to fill any Committee openings. Background checks are under way and once passed, the Committee may begin meeting.

The Committee will be responsible for creating their by-laws which will then need to be approved by Legislature. The Committee will be responsible for overseeing the Nation's investments and making recommendations to the Legislature. This will include setting the investment strategy, including allowable investments, asset allocation, risk assessments, and benchmarks for measuring investment performance. They will be revising the Investment Policy Statements that set out the rules and guidelines for the investments. They will be monitoring the performance of all third-party financial professionals and reviewing such performance at least annually. They will be modifying the third-party financial professionals' duties and recommending removal to the Legislature, if necessary. They will also be adopting a policy for socially responsible investing and ensuring that third-party financial advisors are complying with this.

The Trust and Investment Committee will create a system of checks and balances to insure that the Nation's investments are being handled in the best possible manner. This is a huge stride forward in protecting the Nation. Thank you to all those that have contributed their hard work and dedication to this process.

# National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

**Sanford LittleEagle**  
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On March 20, 2012, the House of Wellness conducted a presentation with two guest speakers to raise awareness for National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. Ho-Chunk Community Health Nurses Pam Reimer (Nekoosa) and Jessica Tyler (Tomah), along with Physician Assistant (HOW) Kiana Beaudin, helped organize this presentation and make it a success.

The National Native American AIDS Prevention Center has a website and The National Native American AIDS Prevention Center (NNAAPC) helps organizations that serve Native communities to plan, develop and manage HIV/AIDS prevention, intervention, care and treatment programs. That information was abundant at this event, the table the CHN's put out on the table covered everything from FAQ's to free condoms for

men and female condoms for women. "HIV/AIDS Awareness within the Ho-Chunk Nation is a priority; it is not difficult to organize an event like this one at the House of Wellness," Said Jessica Tyler.

Movita Rodriguez, Wisconsin Rapids native, was one of the guest speakers who has been traveling to local Wisconsin reservations, and has been giving presentations on AIDS/HIV for over a decade. She would go to towns such as Stevens Point or Milwaukee. To help protect her son from being persecuted at school or in the community, she never gave presentations in her home town of Wisconsin Rapids. After her son graduated High School, she has been more comfortable with educating different communities close to home and for the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Rodriguez is the Granddaughter of Andrew Blackhawk, and her mother was the late Gloria Swan.



Movita Rodriguez speaking to an audience of thirty about AIDS/HIV Awareness Day.



James Renke explaining about the Lifepoint Needle Exchange program.



Information table sponsored the Ho-Chunk Community Health Nurses.

After entering a rehab program in 1991, she had requested to be tested for HIV. A few days into her treatment stay, Movita recalled Doctors in white coats coming to her patient room and they let her know she had tested positive for HIV. Movita said, "I cried and was shocked. I felt like my life was going to end, I wasn't going to see my son grow up to be a man or have any grandchildren." Living in Chicago, Illinois at the time, Movita looked back and was glad she lived in the city at that time. She said, "I can't imagine finding out I had HIV in a small town," because there it is so limited; where in the city there were support networks, AIDS/HIV outreach, and treatment available.

"People shouldn't be afraid of me because I'm HIV (positive), I should be afraid of you; because you might have a cold and for you that's just a cold. For me it could be devastating," Rodriguez was not sexually active at the time, so she was aware that she had contracted HIV through intravenous drug use. Instead, she was addicted to shooting cocaine, and in and out of treatment "trying to kick" her drug addiction. Movita had considered herself a "late bloomer". She recalls drinking once in high school and trying marijuana at age 19. Coming from a single parent home, her mother worked for the U. S. government for the most part of her life until she retired. Movita's mother was very strict and pushed her from High School onto Business School to College.

Movita's mother knew she had contracted the HIV, but, "We didn't talk about it. She thought I was going to die." Whether Gloria was in denial, Movita knew she was the one living with it, letting her mom know "people are now living longer with HIV with the assistance of medications and education." Movita has been living with HIV for 22 years now and has been on over 30

medications and is now down to 11 different medicines, along with a weekly injection that helps her live an almost normal life. There is a scale that is used when diagnosing HIV/AIDS. What Movita has to watch is her T-Cell count. When a person contracts HIV, if their T-Cell count is under 200 they are diagnosed with AIDS. Movita was at 133 when she had her first blood work done and said, "any count below 500, you should start on anti-viral drugs."

As an HIV/AIDS patient, Movita was given an undetectable viral load, "that's your goal, so that the HIV in your blood is not replicating. Not taking over other cells. Because that is what HIV does, it takes your immune system and it eats it up. That's how you start losing your helper cells. Your immune system cells and that's what this disease does. So that's how you end up with an AIDS diagnosis."

Movita also has been exposed to Tuberculosis, lives with Hepatitis-C, has survived through Breast Cancer, and has had a double mastectomy surgery. While going through Chemotherapy, the radiation has taken a toll on her T-Cell counts and it knocked down her immune system to where she has been unable to have T-Cell blood counts over 200. In the last 9 months, Movita has quit smoking with hopes that will allow her counts to go up. She also has contracted a rare form of Shingles, which attacked her right eye. Fortunately it was found right away and treated. She could have lost her eye sight as a result of it not being detected. She has had cataracts removed to maintain her eye sight as well. "This disease is very individual, it affects every person differently," said Rodriguez.

Movita spoke of the 12 Step recovery program that she is in. She has had early relapses after the diagnosis. The geographical change of environment, moving from Chicago to Wisconsin

Rapids, was one of the factors of being successful and she was careful on using. She let people know she was living with AIDS and let them know they could not use her "works" (her shooting utensils). "I know for myself if I do not stay in 12 step meetings of any kind I am doomed." When using alcohol it really takes a toll on the immune system as well.

In closing, Movita shared, "I have been very fortunate in living for 22 years with this disease. There's a reason that I'm still around. I have a message that someone should hear, you don't have to go through what I've gone through. This disease is preventable; you don't have to get it. You need to practice healthy behaviors, being under the influence of drugs or alcohol that alters your thinking where you are putting yourself in those dangerous situations of unprotected sex or multiple partners puts yourself at risk."

She said, "Talk about it at home, talk about drug abuse, talk about alcohol abuse, talk about HIV; it should be talked about like how you talk about diabetes. It should be talked about in the home." It was inspiring and a blessing that she is here able to give back to the Nation by talking so openly, so articulate about the knowledge she has gained from her disease.

James Renke was also a presenter from the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin. He talked about the "Lifepoint Needle Exchange" program where addicts can exchange syringes (used for IV drug users) can exchange on a one-for-one basis of clean needles. He also spoke of the drug Naloxone is an opioid antagonist. Naloxone is a drug used to counter the effects of opiate overdose, for example heroin or morphine overdose. The resource center can assist of helping drug dependent patients get a referral for this treatment.



*The Cloud family would like to give a sincere thanks to:*

*All those that made the many heart felt prayers*

*All those who made a donation*

**Rosella Stanley, Manda Mann & Michelle Thomas all the cooks**

*All those who helped our family in any way*

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**Bridget Morris**

## **Memorial Dedication**

*In honor of John Cloud, there will be a ceremony held at  
Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells at date to be determined.*





# Listen, Act and Live!

*Three words that could save your life during Tornado Season*

Submitted by Tod Pritchard  
State Of Wisconsin  
Department of Military Affairs, Division of Emergency Management

May 22, 2011... one of the deadliest tornadoes in U.S. history strikes Joplin, Missouri directly killing 161 people and injuring over 1,000. The massive EF-5 with winds over 200 mph hit the city of more than 50,000. That's about the same size as Janesville. Despite the tornado warnings why were there so many deaths? A National Weather Service study on the Joplin tornado reveals important lessons learned:

- A majority of residents did not immediately seek shelter when tornado warnings were issued.

- People needed between two and nine warnings to take action and seek shelter. For example, if they heard the sirens going off they would look in the sky, then go to a TV to get information and then call a friend, etc.

- The time it took between those warnings and seeking shelter cost lives.

What can you do?

ReadyWisconsin (part of the team at Wisconsin Emergency Management) urges everyone to Listen, Act and Live! during Tornado Season.

Listen: When severe weather is possible (Thunderstorm or Tornado Watch issued) pick a credible source of information and keep in touch with that source until the danger has past. One of the best tools is a NOAA Weather Radio (also known as an Emergency Weather Radio).

Act: When you hear a tornado warning (tornado seen by spotters or detected on radar) seek the best shelter you can find immediately. Don't waste time checking multiple sources of information. You may have only seconds to find a safe place.

Live: Your chances of survival multiply. Hopefully the storm will pass with no damage. But don't risk your life on a hope.

For more information visit our website: <http://readywisconsin.wi.gov>. You'll find great information on how to protect you and your family from tornadoes and other



Joplin Missouri-May 22, 2011 an EF-5 tornado with winds over 200 mph strikes the town about the size of Wausau. 161 people are killed and more than 1000 injured.

severe weather threats.

Did you know that...

- Wisconsin averages 23 tornadoes annually.
- In 2011, 38 tornadoes in Wisconsin were confirmed by the National Weather Service, the fourth highest number on record. The earliest outbreak occurred on April 10th. On

August 19th, a man was killed when a tornado with winds of 105 mph struck Marinette County. Five others were injured in 2011.

- In 2010, 46 tornadoes in Wisconsin were confirmed by the National Weather Services, the second greatest yearly number on record.

Fortunately, no one was killed but 22 were injured and the tornadoes caused nearly \$30 million in property damage.

- The peak tornado season in Wisconsin is April to August, but tornadoes can occur any time of year, like the January 7, 2008 storms near Kenosha.



## Tornado Safety Before the Storm:

- Develop a plan for you and your family for home, work, school and outdoors. Know the safest shelter areas in multiple locations.
- Have frequent drills.
- Keep a disaster supply kit in your home including water, food that won't spoil and needs no heat to serve, first-aid kit, NOAA Weather Radio (also known as an Emergency Weather Radio), a flashlight and special items for children and elderly family members.

**Tornado Watch:** Severe thunderstorms with tornadoes are possible in your area. Remain alert for approaching storms. Be prepared to move to safety if a Warning is issued. Know what counties are in the watch area by listening to NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards or local radio or television stations.

**Severe Thunderstorm Watch:** Thunderstorms with large hail and damaging winds are possible. Be prepared to move to safety if a Warning is issued.

**Tornado Warning:** A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Move to a place of safety now!

**Severe Thunderstorm Warning:** A thunderstorm with large hail and damaging winds has been reported or indicated by weather radar.

**Warnings indicate imminent danger to life and property to those in the path of the storm!**

Additional maps and information are also posted at <http://readywisconsin.wi.gov>. If you need further information, please contact your county emergency management director or Tod Pritchard at [tod.pritchard@wisconsin.gov](mailto:tod.pritchard@wisconsin.gov) or 608-242-3324.

### SUMMONS

(First Publication)

#### IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Charlene K. Spangler, Petitioner, v. Phillip J. Youngthunder, Respondent.

Case : CS 12-17

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Phillip J. Youngthunder

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written Answer to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order*. *Id.*, § 2.6c.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

### SUMMONS

(Second Publication)

#### IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Robert Voss, Petitioner, v. Elizabeth Eades, Respondent.

Case : CS 12-08

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Elizabeth Eades

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**146<sup>th</sup> Annual Homecoming**

# **WINNEBAGO POW-WOW**

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15th Annual Pow Wow**

**Saturday, April 14, 2012**  **Kress Center**

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**Host Drum: BEAR CREEK**  
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**Emcee: Dan King**  
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- Open to the Public
- Native American Vendors Only

{Deadline on Vendors is March 14}



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# Earth Day Exhibit April 25th, 2012

Join Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Natural Resources and Environmental Health Staff to learn about:

- Ho-Chunk Nation Lands**
- Prescribed Fire**
- Birds of Prey**
- Pond Life**
- Wildlife**
- Trees**
- and Much More!**

**COME ON OVER AND BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

**April 25th From 3:00 – 6:00pm**

**Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Office Building**





## Let us hear your voice...

The Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Natural Resources is conducting a survey to better serve tribal members by preserving Ho-Chunk traditions through land and natural resource management." By taking this survey, you will provide your valuable feedback toward this effort. There are 45 questions that will require a half hour to complete. All those who complete the survey will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win: GRAND PRIZE \$100 Gift card to Ho-Chunk Whitetail Crossing Convenience Stores; FIRST PRIZE \$50 Gift card to Ho-Chunk Whitetail Crossing Convenience Stores; SECOND PRIZE Five bags of Daxu Organic Coffee beans; THIRD PRIZE One pound of heirloom Indian corn seed.

Access the survey by visiting Ho-Chunk Nation DNR website at <http://ho-chunknation.com/?PageId=51>  
Or call the Ho-Chunk Nation DNR office for more information at (715) 284-2852

**and earn a chance to win a prize!**

# Homebuyer Education



Does the idea of a mortgage scare you?

Have you ever thought about buying a home?

**Date** April 23 & 24, 2012

**Time** 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Both Evenings

**Location** Ho-Chunk Convention Center  
Baraboo, WI

**Sponsors** HHCDA & NHS of Richland Co.

## Join Us

Homebuyer Education can help reduce the stress & confusion of buying a home.

It is a great place to start if you're considering buying a home & are not quite ready.

Come & Learn about Down Payment Assistance Programs.

Snacks, Dinner, Door Prize will be provided!

Hurry and call for a reservation!

**Contact Name**  
Winona Mann  
(608) 374-1245

We are currently Accepting Applications for the 2012-13 school year, if you have a child that will be 3 on/before Sept. 1, 2012 please call the Head Start in your area.



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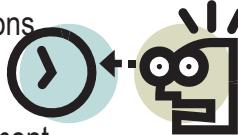
Fiscal Year End  
Youth Enrichment Program

# YEP Deadline

includes both the JOM & Pre-K-12 grant programs



Please have all COMPLETED applications (including all back-up paperwork—like receipts, report cards, etc.) date-stamped into the Education Department



# BY JUNE 15

for optimal processing time.

Requests that come in between June 15-30 will be processed on a "first come, first served" basis.

\* Requests received after this date may not count for this fiscal year.\*

Should you have questions, please contact your local JOM Officers or Education Department at (715) 284-4915.

## District 1 Community Center

Black River Falls

2012  
Baseball/  
Softball  
Opening Day



Starting Dates

Minor Girls 1st game May 16th

Major Girls 1st game May 17th

Jr. League Girls May 18th

Rookie Ball 1st game May 25th

Tee-Ball 1st game June 2nd

For more information please contact  
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For making the Dean's List – high honors at UW-Madison. She is a first year Nursing student.

Cherise is the daughter of Michael and Colleen Decorah of Madison, Wisconsin and she is the granddaughter of Frieda Decorah and the late Calvin Decorah



HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
**FLETCHER  
ANDREW COLLINS**

APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>

**WAKAJACO  
(BLUE THUNDER)**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FLETCHER!

LOVE, HILARY, JASMYNE, DONOVAN,  
CAMERYN, GRACELYN, JAELEIGH & AND  
THE REST OF YOUR FAMILY.

**Happy 5<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday**

**Jaeleigh  
Anna  
Blackdeer**

**April 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Siiokuruspiwiga**

(Leaving Good Footprints)



We love you lots Honeygirl! You bring us so much happiness.

Love, Mom, Dad, Jagi Jay, all the kids and the rest of your family.

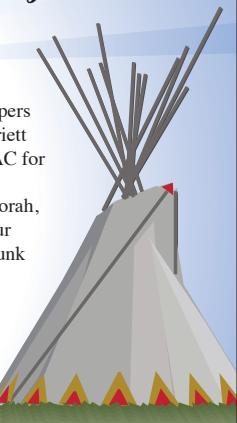
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Thank you to Mann John and his helpers Gabe Falcon, Gary Hall and Elliott Kolner also, JoAnn and Manda Mann and their helpers for all the delicious meals. Thank you, Harriett Funmaker for your donation and Area 1 NAC for the medicine, Merle Thompson, Michelle Greendeer-Rave, Sandy Martin, Millie Decorah, Neva Littlegeorge, Jessica Snake for all your help and support. Thank you to the Ho-Chunk Nation for the financial support.

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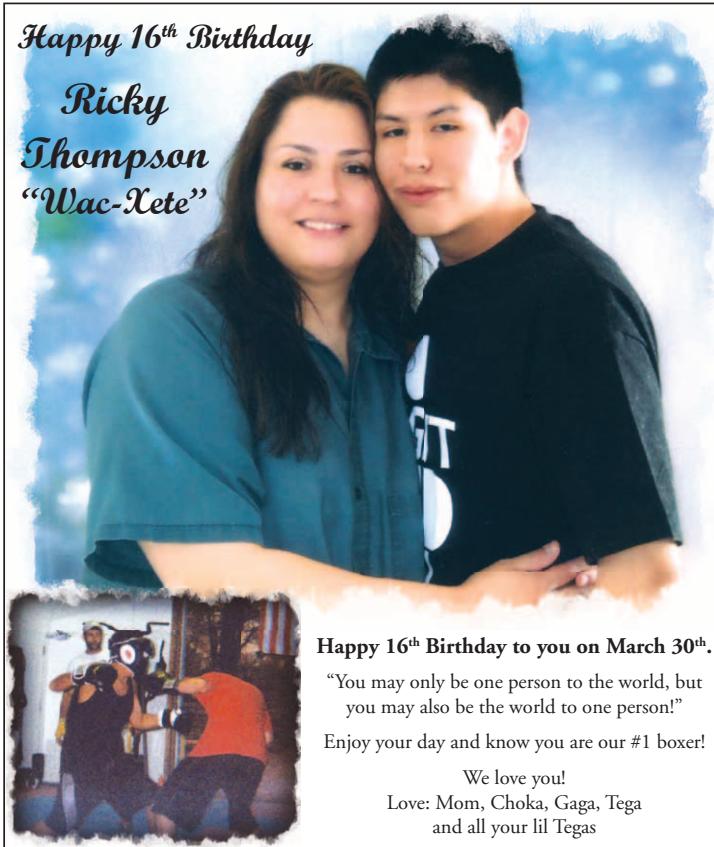


**April  
Elders' Birthdays**

1 Bruce Decorah	15 Charity Thunder
Anthony Kingswan	Gary Whitewing
2 Greg Butterfield	16 Lois Ann Behrens
Annabelle Lowe	17 Theresa Bennett
Richard Blackdeer	James Greendeer
3 Bruce O'Brien	Kenneth Whitehorse
Leroy Crow Sr.	Roger Snake
4 Norma Greengrass	18 Ruth Decorah
6 Bernadine Tallmadge	19 Earl Blackdeer
7 Jack Monegar	Wilma Berefsky
Joan Jourdan	22 Dorothy Decorah
Mildred Moyer	Nathaniel Cloud
8 Lee Henry Brown Jr.	Sharon Ornellaas
Frank Wilson	23 Ernestine Helgeson
Sam Thundercloud	Eunice Greengrass
9 Gladys Cloud	24 Victoria Blackcoon
Martin Little Wolf	Barbara TwoBears
10 Bonita Clairemont	Betty Preece
Roberta Hall	Verna Rieder
Teala Edwards	25 Howard Walker
Deanna Hendrickson	26 Jacob Lonetree
Aurelia Hopinkah	Inez Lizotte
Dallas Whitewing	Sandra Sliwicki
11 Raymond Cabasos	28 John Smith
Annette Littlewolf	Duane Turner
Spencer Lonetree	29 Bartola Enright
14 Leona McKee	

**Happy 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

**Ricky  
Thompson  
"Wac-Xete"**



Happy 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday to you on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

"You may only be one person to the world, but you may also be the world to one person!"

Enjoy your day and know you are our #1 boxer!

We love you!

Love: Mom, Choka, Gaga, Tega  
and all your lil Tegas



# Harry “The Hammer” Funmaker and Team Molina on HBO

Marlon WhiteEagle  
Staff Writer

On March 24, James Kirkland and Carlos Molina fought for the vacant World Boxing Championship Continental Americas Light Middleweight title in Houston, Texas at the Reliant Arena. Carlos “King” Molina, from Appleton, Wisconsin, now fighting out of Chicago, Illinois, has had Harry “The Hammer” Funmaker in his corner throughout his amateur and professional fights. Also in the corner of Molina: Lou Askinnet, Menominee and Choctaw; D.J. Denny, Oneida; and Victor Mateo, Puerto Rican.

Coming into the fight, Molina had a 19-4 record, while Kirkland was 30-1. In pre-fight commentary, Max Kellerman, the HBO color commentator, said, “Molina is underrated. He had a short six fight amateur career. He is the only one to blemish Julio Caesar Chavez Jr.’s perfect record. He dominated Kermit Cintron.” Molina signed with Don King Promotions, only to

be put on a shelf from 2009-2011. Funmaker said, “He signed and got a \$20,000.00 signing bonus. When he wanted to leave, he had to payback King for the bonus. Carlos believed he didn’t have to, but that was in the fine print (of the contract).” Molina is a free agent and hasn’t signed with another promoter.

In his first HBO fight, Molina, who holds the World Boxing Organization North American Boxing Organization Light Middleweight title, executed his game plan and out-boxed Kirkland throughout the entire fight. Funmaker said, “My job is to keep him motivated and tell him the things he needs to hear. I tell him stories and make him laugh, so he stays in his comfort zone. I was telling him Ali used to turn his opponents around, keep them on the rope, and steal the round in the last thirty seconds.” Molina demonstrated that in the sixth round of the fight.

Molina slipped and went to the mat as the bell rang at the

end of Round 10. Referee, Jon Schorle, ruled the slip a knockdown and gave a standing eight count. After the bell rang, Lou Askinnet, stepped into the ring, then immediately stepped back out. Funmaker said, “I was waiting by the stairway and told Victor to grab Lou.” Schorle then had the boxers go to their corners and went to the judges. With Molina on his feet and after he pushed Askinnet out of the ring, Schorle called the fight Kirkland over Molina by Disqualification at the end of Round 10 due to the corner entering the ring.

Two of the judges, Dave Moretti and David Sutherland, had Molina ahead on their scorecards, while the Texas judge, Gale Van Hoy, had Kirkland ahead by one point. Long time HBO Boxing host, Jim Lampley, called the Van Hoy’s 86-85 scorecard, “not possible.” Another long time HBO Boxing personality, Harold Lederman, had Molina ahead at 89-82 on his unofficial scorecard. The boxing world sees the disqualification as totally wrong.

Team Molina will be seeking a reversal on that decision to a no contest ruling from the boxing commission. In a post-fight interview, Funmaker said, “Iink from this disqualification will help Molina. He’ll be getting some phone calls and more fights in the future.” Molina and Kirkland both want a rematch. Sergio Martinez may be a future fight after the rematch.

Harry “The Hammer” Funmaker has been a professional boxer for twenty-three years. At age 48,



James “Mandingo Warrior” Kirkland and Carlos “King” Molina, with Oscar De La Hoya of Golden Boy Promotions.



Team Molina: Harry Funmaker, Lou Askinnet, Carlos Molina, Victor Mateo, and D.J. Denny.



Ann Wolfe, Kirkland trainer and former boxer, and Harry Funmaker.

matchmakers still want to put Funmaker in the ring. Most recently, he went to New Zealand to fight. Funmaker said, “When I decided to turn pro, I did it to show my children to follow their dreams. I tried college and it didn’t work for me. This was my other option. I had to put my money where my mouth was.” Funmaker

will return to the ring in Browning, Montana on July 7 for a World Indian Boxing Commission fight.

Whether in the ring, in the corner for Molina, or outside the ring, Funmaker is proud to be Ho-Chunk. And for many Ho-Chunk tribal members, Funmaker makes them proud of his accomplishments.

## Littlegeorge goes to Madison

Sanford LittleEagle  
Staff Writer

Bodee Littlegeorge is a 9 year old Ho-Chunk boy and a third grader at Lemonweir Elementary School in Tomah, Wisconsin. When Bodee is not in school, he is playing football and going to Wrestling practice or traveling with his family to Wrestling Tournaments or Meets. Starting at age 5, Bodee has been wrestling for 4 years and is currently on two teams; one for the Warrens Wrestling

Team and the other for the Tomah Youth Team.

Bodee likes wrestling practice and said, “It makes me feel good when I am wrestling.” Littlegeorge is very fond of a wrestling move called “The stack”; it’s where he puts his leg around his opponent’s leg and once he gains leverage Bodee whips his opponent down onto his shoulders and moves in to hold them down for the pin, then Win! Like many kids, he is also a fan of the “Banana Split”.

Bodee’s parents Ken Littlegeorge and Jessi Cleveland have a Trophy room area in the family’s basement to display all of Bodee’s wrestling accomplishments; Trophies, Brackets, and Medals which take up a good portion of one wall.

He has been doing good school this year, pulling down mostly B’s and a few A’s. He likes art and music class, and has been preparing to participate in his school’s spring summer program. When asked how many girlfriends

he had, he said, “I don’t want one.” Beside wrestling, he also likes playing football with his brothers Lael and Trenton and said football is actually one of his first loves. He plans on sticking with Wrestling and made it to the State Tournament held in Madison, Wisconsin on March 24, 2012.

Bodee earned his first trip to State this year and won his first match and went on losing the next two. Ken Littlegeorge said, “He fought hard all the way, and I’m very proud of him in his first trip to state; many more will follow.” Bodee will be competing again at Nationals in Cedar Falls, Iowa on March 30 - April 1, 2012. His father Ken Littlegeorge Jr. asked all of his sons to give wrestling a try until they reach sixth grade. Jessi is one of Bodee’s biggest fans, along with the rest of his cheering section made up of Choka and Gaga Wilbert and C-Ann Cleveland, and Chris and Bonni Bird family.

Bodee said “I want to thank all of my family for

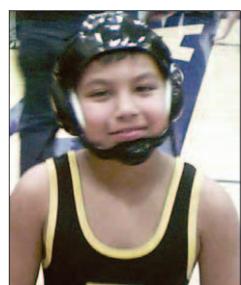


Bodee with his parents, Ken Littlegeorge Jr. and Jessi Cleveland, pose in front of his “Wall of Fame” at the Littlegeorge home.

watching me wrestling and coming to matches.”

(Writers Note) I had been trying to get in touch with other Ho-Chunk Wrestlers, a lot of the participation needs to come through the parents. I will still be working to bring you the stories of Langston Brown, Maurice Bigjohn, Othayun & Levi Smith Jr, and

even a few girl wrestlers. On our Hocak Worak Facebook profile, we offered real time Tournament updates and by doing that we learned of all of those competing at State. We did not intentionally leave any one out. Through Jessi Cleveland staying in contact with us, I was able to share Bodee’s story with all of you.



Bodee Littlegeorge